

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fencing system, comprising:

a first rail consisting of at least two metal wires ensheathed in a plastic web, wherein the first rail is rigid yet manually deformable in the absence of any assembly thereof with the fencing system;

a slotted connector having a face plate with two slots formed within the face plate in a planar surface thereof, the connector including a substantially planar middle portion separating the two slots, the connector having a front side and a rear side and also having a post attachment end, wherein the slotted connector comprises return edges extending along opposing sides of the face plate, the return edges extending perpendicularly from and past the face plate;

a free end of the first rail being disposed in the slotted connector so that the first rail runs from the front side of the connector through a first slot nearest the post attachment end, around the middle portion, and then back through the second slot; and

a post to which the slotted connector is attached using a fastener, which permits the connector to pivot about the fastener.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The fencing system of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the face plate further comprises a throughhole adapted to receive the fastener.

Claim 5 (Original): The fencing system of claim 1, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The fencing system of claim 1, wherein the face plate includes a bend between the first slot and the post attachment end.

Claim 7 (Original): The fencing system of claim 1, wherein the connector is made of steel.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Original): The fencing system of claim 1, wherein the post is a wooden post with a circular cross section.

Claim 10 (Original): The fencing system of claim 1, further including a slotted joining connector having a face plate with a first slot, a second slot, and a third slot, the joining connector having a front side and a rear side.

Claim 11 (Original): The fencing system of claim 10, further comprising a second rail consisting of at least two metal wires ensheathed in a plastic web, with ends of the first and second rails being in abutting relationship to each other.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The fencing system of claim 11, wherein the first slot and the second slot of the joining connector are adapted to receive the abutting end of the first rail and the second slot and the third slot of the joining connector are adapted to receive the abutting end of the second rail.

Claims 13-20 (Cancelled)